



## Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

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### Prayer of Preparation

*God of Hope, you have given us the gift of this new dawn, the dawn on which Jesus rose from the dead and broke, finally and forever, the chains of darkness and blindness. We ask that streams of Easter light might flow into the intimacy of our hearts this morning, to heal us and encourage us, and empower each of us to make again a new beginning. We ask this through Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.*

Prelude "Easter-Day" (a filii et filiae) C. Loret

Welcome Pastor Joe Albright

Welcoming our Newest Members

Introit "Alive, Alive, Alive Forevermore"  
Children's Choir

Introit "Easter Introit" G. Young  
Chancel Choir

Call to Worship Molly MacDonald

It was early. Still dark. And the women came to the tomb.

**They came expecting death. They found something else entirely.**

The stone was rolled away.

**The grave could not hold him.**

The angel said: *Why do you look for the living among the dead?*

**He is not here. He is risen.**

And they ran--trembling, astonished, overwhelmed with joy—

**Because the world had changed while they weren't looking.**

It is still changing. The Power that raised Jesus from the dead is still at work —

**In us, in this church, and in the world.**

The world is not what it was.

**And it is not yet what it will be.**

But the Risen Christ goes ahead of us —

**And we are not done dreaming.**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

**Alleluia!**

\* Hymn #232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" Easter Hymn

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession and Hope

**Lord of life, walking from the empty tomb, opening wide the gates of life, you defeated death to show that we can rise from all that binds us: pride, envy, anger, fear - the heartbreak of sin that sometimes holds us. You defeated death to demonstrate a love that is beyond our understanding but yet that reaches out even to us.**

**Risen One, stand among us. Speak your words of peace. Release us from our fears. Heal us from our wounds. Forgive our betrayals of your love, that we may share in the power of the resurrection, and dare to dream the dreams you are dreaming for this world. For it is in your name we pray. Amen.**

Promise of Grace

In this moment, may our hearts be lifted as we are assured of Christ's forgiveness and love. The old life is healed. New life has begun.

**Alleluia. Amen!**

\* Song of Praise Gloria Patri (Hymn #581)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

\* Passing of the Peace

Children's Moment

Robbie Boggs

Anthem "Lift High the Cross" J. Schrader  
*Chancel Choir*

God's Word to Us Mark 16:1-8

Meditation "Easter Dreams" *Pastor Joe Albright*

\* Hymn #246 "Christ Is Alive!" (verses 1,2,5)

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory "The Strife is O'er, The Battle Done" arr. Krug  
*Handbell Choir*

\* Song of Praise Doxology (Hymn #606)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, bless and multiply these tithes and offerings so that your ministry and mission through us would touch lives, changes hearts, and deepen discipleship. In Christ's name. Amen.**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Receiving God's Gifts

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\* Hymn #238 "Thine Is the Glory" Judas Maccabeus

Charge and Blessing

\* Postlude "Easter Alleluia, How is Christ Risen from the Dead"  
A. Ottenwalder

\* Denotes please stand if able.

**To Our Guests:** Welcome! We are so glad you're here. If we can be helpful to you in any way, please don't hesitate to ask me or one of our greeters.

We understand ourselves to be a family of faith — people of all ages and backgrounds, trying to make sense of life and faith together, through loss and joy, doubt and discovery. Whatever brought you here this morning, you belong in that company.

If you don't have a family of faith, we invite you to be a part of ours.

Easter is a day about new beginnings — the stunning claim that death does not have the last word, that hope is more stubborn than despair, that love wins. Whatever you're carrying this morning, I pray you would experience something of that hope here with us today.

**Children & Families:** Children are always welcome in worship at Trinity! Near the beginning of a typical service, there will be a Children's Moment geared especially for them. Immediately following, they will be invited to either stay with their parents or go with our screened leaders to "Children's Church," for the remainder of the service. Children's Church includes games, activities and a lesson related to the day's message. Please sign up in the Narthex for further details. Our Nursery is also available and staffed for infants and small children from 930am-1130am every Sunday. Please sign up in the Narthex.

- Hearing Assist Devices are available at the Welcome Table in the Narthex.
- Parking is also available in the front grass lot every Sunday for Worship.

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